

# NEWS FROM SUFFOLK AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA

## LATEST FROM SUFFOLK

### July Term of Court Adjourns—Disposed of Few Cases.

**Matrimonial Market on the Decline in Nansemond County—Proposed New Railroad to Elizabeth City—Delegates to Constitutional Convention.**

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Suffolk, Va., July 9.—This was regular July Court-day, but one would hardly have known it from the crowd in town. There was no jury, and the business was confined to routine matters.

William Walter Eley qualified as administrator of Josephine Eley's estate, and gave bond in \$5,000, with William Thomas Kilby as surety.

Lella White qualified as administratrix of the estate of Preston White, deceased. Security was furnished in \$500 by the American Bonding and Trust Company.

Percy O. Johnson applied for a license to sell liquor near Elwood. As there will be strong opposition to the granting of such license the application went over till next term of court.

John A. Gum is the most interested citizen in having liquor kept away from Elwood. He has a manufacturing plant there, and believes the sale of whiskey will be detrimental to employees. A petition has been circulated by the "drys" and nearly every person in that vicinity except two or three has signed it.

Good counsel will appear on each side when the application comes up, and the interest will probably equal that in the contested cases of Holland.

The estate of Martha J. W. Rowe was placed in the sheriff's hands. There were only 50 deeds recorded since last court-day.

There had been a marriage in Nansemond county since July 5, and the chances for a brisk matrimonial business are very poor while the weather continues so hot.

Court this afternoon adjourned for the term.

### THE PROPOSED RAILROAD.

While there is no positive assurance the chances now seem good for a railroad between Suffolk and Elizabeth City, N. C. Mr. J. Walter Hosler, who is the Suffolk representative of the promoters, told me this evening that there had been subscribed enough stock to start things rolling. Mr. Hosler said a preliminary survey had been begun.

Elizabeth City people seem much interested in the new railroad, for it would open up a good market for their fish and other products. Suffolk would also be glad to welcome the road's entrance.

It is claimed that it is less than forty miles from Suffolk to Elizabeth City. The new road, if it materializes, will be called the Elizabeth City and Western. Nearly a dozen of the wealthy people down there will take stock in good sized blocks. The road would be of great benefit to the town, and some patriotic citizens will buy shares without expecting to realize big individual profits.

Messrs. S. S. Lamb & Bro., attorneys, of Elizabeth City, are among the promoters.

### MATCH GAME OF WHIST.

A team of four from the Suffolk Whist Club will go to Norfolk Saturday night to play the same number of crack players in that city. Suffolk has beaten Norfolk the last two games of duplicate whist, but it is expected the latter city will this time have the strongest team they have yet produced.

### DELEGATE FOR CONVENTION.

There are three men in Nansemond county who have been prominently mentioned for delegate to the Constitutional convention. They are Dr. Thomas H. Barnes, former State Senator; County Judge W. J. Kilby and R. R. Prentiss. While the candidates themselves are not making a canvass their respective friends are putting in some vigorous work. Either of the trio would do good service, and Nansemond's interests cannot be poorly cared for.

### FINED FOR SHOOTING.

Moses Brown was feeling good one day last week and he fired off a gun in the public highway near Holland. That was against the law, and Officer Whitefield took Moses in charge. Justices Baker and Jones Saturday fined him \$5 and costs.

### HOUSE SOLD.

George W. Nurney to-day sold to Jesse W. Green the house on Saratoga street now occupied by the latter's family; consideration \$700.

### TEN DEGREES COOLER.

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### THE FACTORIES BUILDING.

There is great local preparation for this season's peanut crop. Three factories are now in process of erection—one by the Suffolk Peanut Company, one by the Bain people, of Wakefield, and another by Lummis Company, of Philadelphia.

### TERSELY TOLD.

The new town of Holland has a new ordinance protecting sidewalk pedestrians from "scorchers."

There are billed three excursions for this week and one for early next week, the last, on the 17th, being the outing of the Baptist Sunday school. The Christian Sunday school will have their annual trip to Ocean View July 12.

Mr. M. A. Cross, of Lynchburg, was in Suffolk to-day. He will spend a week with relatives in Sunbury, N. C.

### NEWPORT NEWS.

**FIGHT AGAINST CHIEF OF POLICE HARWOOD.**

Newport News, Va., July 9.—It looks very much as if he fight which has been predicted will be made against Chief of Police S. J. Harwood and an effort will be made to oust him from his job in order that another may get it.

As far as can be learned, there seems to be only one other man whose name is mentioned for the job. He is Mr. V. M. Pettus, chief of the Chesapeake and Ohio watch.

This is not the first time that Mr. Pettus has been mentioned for the same job. About a year ago, when the Mayor appointed Mr. E. S. Robinson Police Commissioner, it was generally believed that an effort would be made to replace Mr. Harwood with Mr. Pettus without the formality of preferring and proving charges, and it was this belief, which was general, that was responsible for the Council's refusal to confirm Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Pettus, it is understood, has strong influences working for him. Monday night the Central Labor Union endorsed him for the position. Mr. Pettus himself will have little to say for publication.

One thing is certain, if the Police Commissioners attempt to oust the present chief without proper cause and hearing, their action will be met with a storm of protests from the best citizens. Not that the latter desire to see the present incumbent hold his job eternally and in spite of everything, but that they do not approve of the plan of ousting an officer in such a responsible position for political reasons and without bringing and proving some charge against him to show that a change in the office is necessary for the betterment of the department.

### ANOTHER NEW CHURCH.

The members of the congregation of the Second Baptist Church have determined to build another house of worship at once.

The new church will be erected on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire.

As to the style of the building and the material used in it, no definite decisions have been reached, but it is understood the new church will be much larger than the old one.

It will in all probability be a frame building, as the money now available will erect a much handsomer and commodious edifice of this material than if brick or stone are used.

Of course, should a considerable contribution come in from an unexpected source, it would be effective in determining the material used in the building.

### PETERSBURG.

**MURDERER STEPHEN BAPTIST IS READY TO BE HANGED.**

Petersburg, Va., July 9.—Stephen Baptist, a negro, who was convicted in the County Court of Mecklenburg on the 24th of May last of the murder of Peter Jones, and sentenced to be hanged on the 10th of July, will be executed at Boynton to-morrow. Shortly after the commission of the crime Baptist was brought to Petersburg by Constable Talley and a guard to prevent lynching. On his way to Petersburg the constable was met at Buaflo Junction by a mob of armed men, who demanded the prisoner. Constable Talley and his party drew their pistols and told the mob that they would defend their prisoner at their own risk. Baptist was finally, after much difficulty, gotten to the Petersburg jail. He was carried to Boynton for trial under guard of a detachment from one of the Richmond military companies, which kept guard over the prisoner all during his trial. After his conviction he was brought back to Petersburg by the military, and has been in the dungeon of the jail here ever since. Baptist shortly after his conviction made a full confession of his guilt to the officers of the jail. He stated that he killed Jones by striking him with a heavy brick, and stuck him with an iron coupling pin, as had been stated. Baptist declares that he struck his victim three times, and that he committed the murder to get what money Jones had on his person, which was only \$2.50.

Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Hastings Court, to-day rendered his decision in the suit of W. L. Davis & Co. vs. Wm. R. McKenney, which was argued before him some days ago. This was a suit on a contract. Judge Mullen dismissed the bill, with costs against the plaintiffs.

Some days ago a party of Syrians, who had been selling finger articles along the streets of the city, were robbed of money and jewelry to the amount of about \$500.00, which was stolen from their rooms on Bollingbrook street. Yesterday a Syrian named James Abraham Almi was arrested in Richmond on the charge of being the party who committed the theft. Almi was brought to Petersburg yesterday and committed to jail until this morning, when he had an examination before the mayor, by whom he was sent on to the next term of the Hastings Court for trial.

Petersburg was visited yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock by a severe wind storm, which was accompanied by some little rain. A few trees were blown down. The general tent on Hallifax street was blown down, but no one was injured. The wind was equally as severe in the neighboring counties as it was here, and corn was blown down and very badly so.

A woodland fire has been burning in Dinwiddie county since last Friday, and up to yesterday it had not been extinguished. The fire is in the vicinity of the county court house, and extends over a large area. The fire has destroyed a large quantity of standing timber.

## HAMPTON

### Hon. Harry Libbey Will Conclude to Run for Congress.

Republicans Believe He Can Reunite the Many Factions of Their Party in the Second District—Lady Goes to Norfolk for Medical Treatment.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Hampton, Va., July 9.—"It now looks as if Hon. Harry Libbey will be the Republican candidate for Congress in the second Virginia district this fall, and that the bitter factional fight which has been waged between the followers of Bowden and Wise will cease by the unanimous uniting of the opposing factions on Mr. Libbey."

Thus spoke one of the most prominent Republicans of Hampton yesterday, who has followed the fight closely since the beginning and whose opinion is considered worthy of notice.

"Mr. Libbey is very popular with both wings of the party," he continued, "and it is generally believed Mr. Wise will yield to him in case the Congressman could be persuaded to allow his name to go before the convention of Bowdenites which meets in Norfolk in August. At the meeting in Norfolk several days ago this matter was discussed, and it was the opinion of the gentlemen who were present at that meeting that the differences which have so materially handicapped the party could be adjusted if Mr. Wise would consent to relinquish the nomination in favor of Mr. Libbey, who has been one of his most ardent supporters."

The object of the leaders in bringing about a settlement of the differences is to have Hon. Richard Wise withdraw from the fight and then nominate Mr. Libbey when the Norfolk convention assembles. By so doing, it is claimed, neither faction will have to give in as Mr. Libbey, while affiliating himself with the Wise faction, has not been antagonistic to the interests of the Bowdenites. Mr. Libbey has for some time been endeavoring to reunite the party in the district and the leaders readily recognize the fact that he would be the best man to accomplish this. In him they believe only can the two factions come together and to this end the party leaders in both factions are accelerating their plans and with the proper manipulation expect to be successful.

Mr. Libbey has served two terms in Congress and his candidacy would, it is generally believed, strengthen the Republican chances for success in the November election, and at the same time bring about harmony in the party. Whether Mr. Libbey will consent to the change suggested is, of course, not known, but in speaking of the matter yesterday the gentleman said he firmly believed Mr. Libbey would do so with the consent of Dr. Wise.

In case this plan is dropped the Bowdenites will nominate a candidate at the Norfolk convention and the Republicans will again have two candidates before the people in the contest next November.

### GONE TO NORFOLK.

Mrs. Frank Phoebus, who has been critically ill at the residence of her father, Captain W. P. Dougherty, in the West-End, has been taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, where she will undergo special treatment. Mrs. Phoebus is suffering from heart trouble and her physicians deemed the change expedient.

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